SRI R. SRINIVASA IYER: மத்திய அரசாங்கத்தில் இந்த உரம் விநியோகிப்பது பற்றி ஒரு கமிட்டி நியமிக்கப்பட்டது. சென்னை ராஜ்யத்தில் சில ஜில்லாக்களில் அது சுற்றுப்பிரயாணம் செய்து கடைசியாக இங்கு சர்க்கார் அதிகாரிகளுடன் கலந்து பேசினார்கள். அதன் யாதாஸ்து ஏதாவது சர்க்காருக்கு வந்திருக்கிறதா ? அதன்பேரில் என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கப்பட்டன ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: அந்தக் கமிட்டியார் இந்த அரசாங்கப் பிரதிநிதிகளிடம் கலந்து பேசினார்கள். ஆனால் அவர்கள் என்ன சிபாரிசு செய்திருக்கிறார்கள் என்ற விவரம் இப்பொழுது என்னிடம் இல்லை.

Undetected murders in Virinchipuram

* 452 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED: Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of murders that remain undetected for the years 1958 and 1959 in Virinchipuram, North Arcot district; and

(*b*) the reason for not apprehending the culprits for such a long time?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) Nil.
(*b*) Does not arise.

SRI A. A. RASHEED: Sir, is the Hon. Minister aware that in a recent murder case, the accused was let on bail though he was charged with murder, and who later on tampered with the witnesses?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: I am sorry that I have no other information except what I have given in my answer.

Menthol yielding plants in Coimbatore

* 453 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any experiment has been conducted in growing menthol yielding plants in Coimbatore; and

(*b*) if so, the details thereof?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) The Cinchona department, has been conducting experiments in the cultivation of menthol yielding plants, in the Government Cinchona Plantations in the Nilgiris and in the Anamalais in Coimbatore district from 1950–51.

(*b*) Experimental trials for the cultivation of menthol yielding plants in the Moyar Division have been conducted in the Government Cinchona Plantations, Nilgiris, where fertile lands and facilities for irrigation almost throughout the year are available and in the Anamalais. The cultivation of *Mentha Piperita* was discontinued a year ago in the Anamalais and its cultivation is however concentrated in the Moyar Division.

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SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Sir, out of the experiments conducted so far, may I know to what extent menthol can be exploited for commercial purposes?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, the experiments are not yet complete.

Arumugam Murder Case

* 454 *Q*.—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state the reasons for not filing an appeal against the acquittal of accused Sri Natarajan and others, in Arumugham's death case?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The Government have been advised that this is not a fit case for filing appeal against acquittal.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Sir, may I know whether the acquitted persons have been reinstated?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I would like to have notice.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Sir, does not the judgment delivered by the judge say that he was acquitted on grounds of 'benefit of doubt'? In these circumstances, do not the Government think that it is a fit case to go in for an appeal?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, the Public Prosecutor has been consulted, and it is in accordance with his opinion that it was decided not to file an appeal. But if the hon. Member, who is himself a lawyer, can give me a note about his own legal opinion, I would consult the Advocate-General on it.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Questions are over.

[*Note*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—PRIVILEGE MOTION *re*. A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE MADRAS CORPORATION COUNCIL.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Sri A. A. Rasheed has given notice of a privilege motion. He says—

"I hereby give notice of the following motion of breach of privilege :—

The Corporation of Madras at its meeting held on the 15th March 1960, has passed a resolution 'regretting the statements made by Messrs. C. Rajam Ramaswamy, K. S. G. Haja Sheriff and K. Vinayakam on the floor of the Legislative Assembly in regard to the administration of the Madras Corporation'. The speeches referred to were made by the Members concerned during the general discussion on the Budget for 1960–61 which is now going on. The mover of the resolution in the Corporation has stated, according to the report published in the *Indian Express*, dated Wednesday, 16th March 1960, that the concerned Members of the Legislative Assembly had 'misused the privileges they had as Members of the Legislature'.